

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 25 are pending in the application and are presented for a first substantive examination on the merits.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1 – 25 were subjected to a species election requirement.

By this Response to Species Election Requirement, an election with traverse is made.

SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

The Examiner has required election of multiple species in claims 1 – 25 to a single species, because the Examiner has deemed that the species lack unity of invention since they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The species are as follows:

Claims 1 - 24: the solid hemostyptic; and

Claim 25: the liquid hemostyptic.

RESPONSE

Applicants provisionally elect to continue prosecution of the solid hemostyptic of claims 1 – 24.

TRAVERSAL

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's species election requirement.

The species election requirement is traversed because the Examiner has used as basis for the requirement, lack of unity under PCT Rule 13.1. However, Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that no lack of unity of the invention objection was made during the examination of the PCT application.

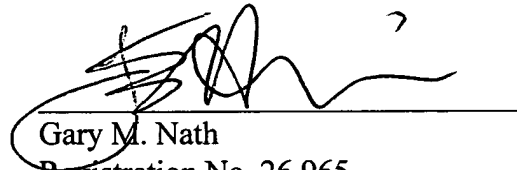
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for a first substantive examination. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for substantive examination, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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